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LETTER DATED 11 JANUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PANAMA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of resolution 603-01-106-ALCN adopted on 9 August 1990 by the Department of Consular Affairs and Shipping of the Ministry of Finance, together with communiqués issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, by which Panama is implementing Security Council resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annexes circulated as Security Council documents.

(Signed) César PEREIRA BURGOS
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex I

REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

DEPARTMENT OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING

Resolution 603-01-106-ALCN

Panama City: 9 August 1990
Section: National Merchant Marine

The undersigned Director-General
of the Department of Consular Affairs and Shipping,
acting under his lawful authority,

CONSIDERING:

That on account of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, the Security Council of the United Nations adopted resolution 661 (1990), imposing an economic blockade that affects both countries, and calling upon Member States and non-member States to act in accordance with the provisions of the resolution, notwithstanding any contract entered into or licence granted before the date of the resolution;

That the Republic of Panama is a Member of the United Nations by virtue of its accession to the Charter on 13 November 1945;

That the Department of Consular Affairs and Shipping is authorized to regulate activities relating to ships registered with the National Merchant Marine, and may take action in the event of non-compliance with international agreements or resolutions adopted by the relevant organs of the United Nations;

That our country has decided to act on the United Nations resolution, in view of the seriousness of Iraq's armed invasion of Kuwait;

RESOLVES:

1. To comply with the decision taken by the Security Council of the United Nations, and to prohibit ships under Panamanian registry from transporting any commodities or products to or from any port in Iraq or Kuwait, except as permitted under resolution 661 (1990);

2. To inform Merchant Marine consular officers so that they might disseminate, at all possible levels, notification of the decision to act on United Nations resolution 661 (1990), with a warning that any ship violating the provisions shall be liable to penalties determined by the Department of Consular Affairs and Shipping in accordance with Act No. 2 (1980).

Legislative authority: Articles 9 and 14 of Act No. 2 of 17 January 1980; resolution 661 (1990) of the Security Council of the United Nations

For duplication, circulation and action

(Signed) Guillermo MARQUEZ A.
Director-General

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Annex II

Circular

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the embassies and consulates of Panama and has the honour to transmit herewith the text of resolution 661 (1990), in which the Security Council of the United Nations decided to impose economic sanctions on account of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

Accordingly, inasmuch as Security Council resolutions are binding, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs advises the embassies and consulates that the sanctions must strictly be applied.

The embassies and consulates must immediately report to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs any activity or situation covered by resolution 661 (1990).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs takes this opportunity to convey to the embassies and consulates of Panama the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Annex III

Communiqué issued on 3 August 1990

1. The Government of the Republic of Panama condemns Iraq's invasion of Kuwait as an act of force that violates the most basic principles of peaceful coexistence and respect for the integrity of States.

2. Iraq's armed action against Kuwait is a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations, and jeopardizes international peace and security.

3. The Republic of Panama considers it imperative that Iraqi occupation troops should be withdrawn from Kuwaiti territory forthwith. In that connection, Panama calls on all members of the international community to give support to and demonstrate solidarity with the people and Government of Kuwait.